

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, starting on line 27 and ending on line 34, please replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

This application is a continuation of and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to co-pending application number, 10/695,582, filed October 28, 2003, which is a continuation of co-pending application, 10/431,467, filed May 7, 2003, which is a continuation of co-pending application 10/374,805, filed February 25, 2003, which is a continuation of co-pending application number 10/058,695, filed January 28, 2002, which is a continuation of co-pending application 10/004,571, filed December 4, 2001, which is a continuation of co-pending application 09/874,514, filed June 5, 2001, which is a continuation of co-pending application 09/808,451, filed March 31, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,656,961, issued December 2, 2003, ~~which is a continuation of co-pending application 09/686,158, filed October 11, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,369,234, issued April 9, 2002, which is a continuation of co-pending application 09/662,426, filed September 13, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,300,355, issued September 13, 2000,~~ which is a continuation of co-pending application 09/691,615, filed October 18, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,284,781, issued September 4, 2001, which is a continuation of application 08/986,025, filed December 3, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,242,469, issued June 5, 2001, which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) to [is based on] U.S. Provisional Application Serial Nos. 60/032,282, 60/033,767, 60/047,566, 60/047,941, and 60/055,533, filed December 3, 1996, January 14, 1997, May 22, 1997, May 29, 1997, and August 13, 1997, respectively, the contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference into this application. This invention was made with government support under grants CA-28824, CA-39821, CA-GM 72231, CA-62948, and AI0-9355 from the National Institutes of Health, and grant CHE-9504805 from the National Science Foundation. Additionally, the present invention was supported in part by a fellowship from the United States Army to Dongfang Meng (DAMD 17-97-1-7146), and thus the government has certain rights in the invention.